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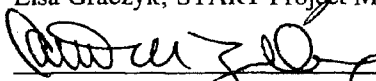
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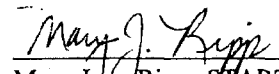
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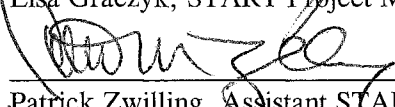
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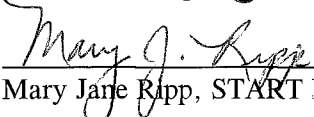
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## **1. Introduction**

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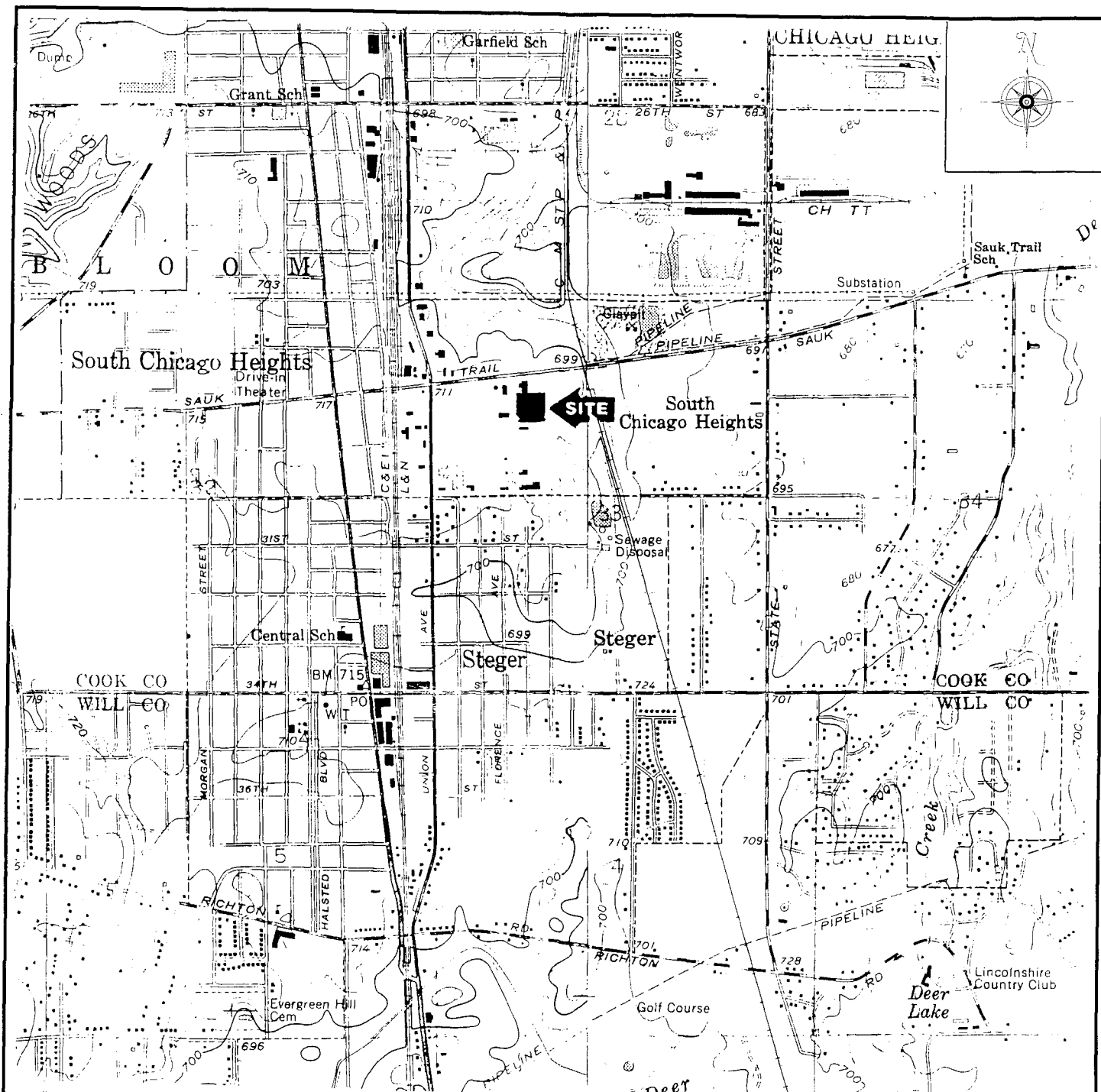
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The R and R Sales site is an inactive electroplating facility which performed electroless nickel and chromium processes. Mr. Richard Newman Sr. was the owner of the R and R Sales facility until the business went bankrupt in the early 1990s. It is unknown when the facility began operations. Mr. Newman liquidated all his business assets when the company went bankrupt. According to Mr. Newman, 400 gallons of chromic acid were left inside the building, and 2,500 gallons of used electroless nickel were left outside the building when the facility was abandoned. The company records were all destroyed.



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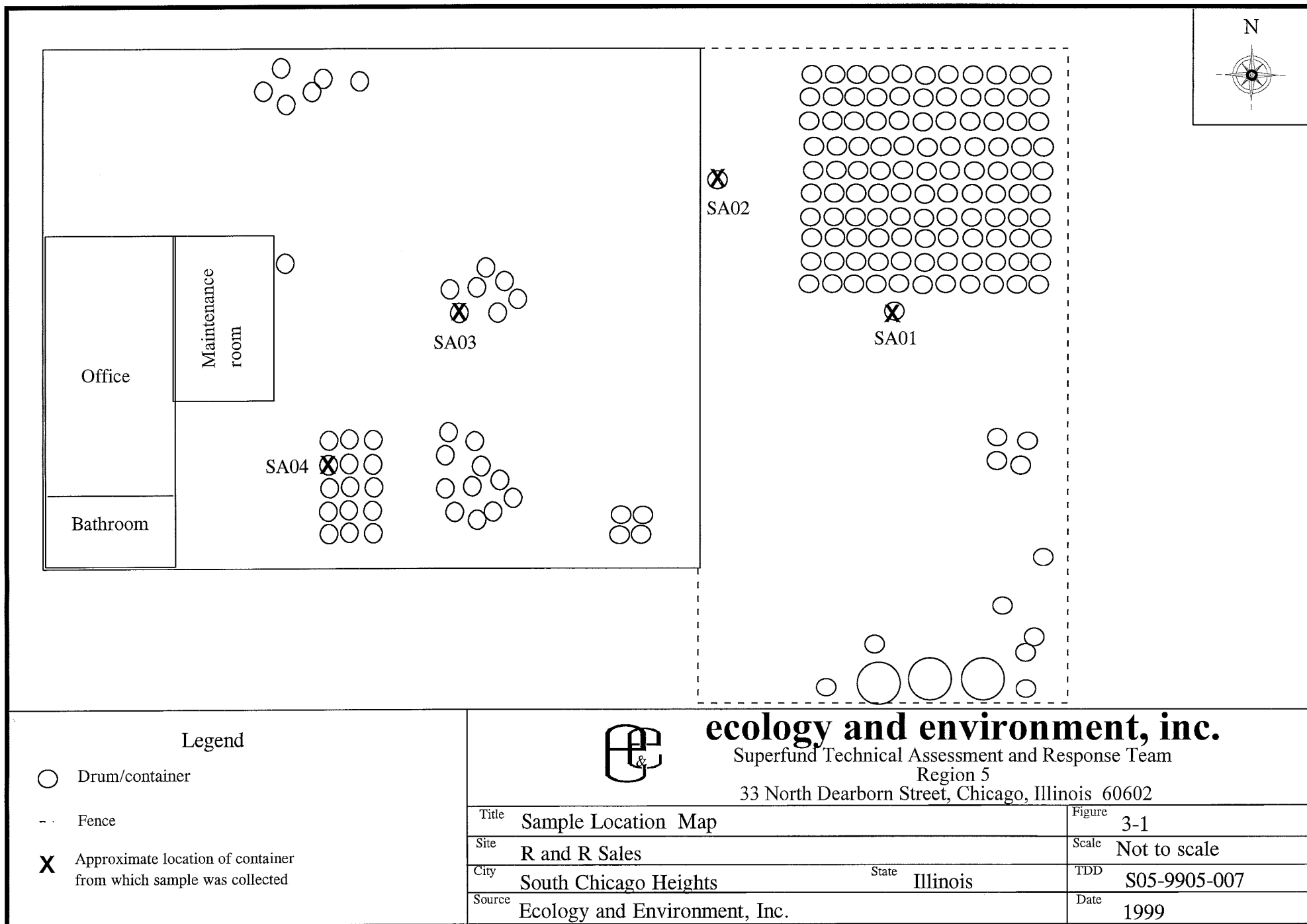
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### 3. Site Assessment

On May 13, 1999, START members Lisa Graczyk and Larry Lueck, and U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Brad Benning met at the R and R Sales site and conducted a site assessment. Activities included a site reconnaissance with air monitoring, drum sampling, and drum inventorying.

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Following the reconnaissance, four samples were collected (Figure 3-1). All samples were collected from drums which tested acidic with pH paper. Sample SA01, a clear liquid with a slight blue tint, was collected from a 55-gallon drum which was not labeled and located in the rear yard. Sample SA02 was collected from a 5-gallon pail located outside, near the exhaust pipe in the rear yard. This pail had no lid and contained a dark reddish brown liquid. Sample SA03 was collected from a 5-gallon container with no lid located inside the building. The container contained a dark brown liquid. Sample SA04 was collected from a 55-gallon drum labeled "sulfuric acid". This drum contained a brown liquid.



An inventory of the containers present at the site was collected. The majority of the 133 drums outside were not labeled. These drums are suspected to contain mostly acidic nickel solutions and some chromic acid solutions. The drum inventory is presented in Appendix B.

The samples were packaged and shipped to TriMatrix Laboratories, Inc., in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for pH, total chromium, and total nickel analyses. A U.S. EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Quality Assurance Level II data package was requested. All samples were analyzed under analytical TDD S05-9905-806.

#### **4. Analytical Results**

Analytical results indicate that some materials on site exceed Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) characteristics for hazardous wastes. Analytical results are summarized in Table 4-1. The validated data is presented in Appendix C.

The RCRA hazardous waste criteria (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Subsection [§] 261.22) for corrosivity (waste code D002) is a pH of less than or equal to 2 SU. All four samples had a pH of less than 1 SU designating them as a hazardous waste. Total chromium results ranged from 65,400 to 161,000 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), or 6% to 16%. Total nickel results ranged from 23 to 301 mg/kg.



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Parameter	Sample Designation			
	SA01	SA02	SA03	SA04
<b>pH (SU)</b>	<1	<1	<1	<1
<b>Total Metals (mg/kg)</b>				
Chromium	NA	161,000	65,400	68,200
Nickel	NA	301	25	23

**Key:**

SU = Standard units.  
mg/kg = Milligrams per kilogram.  
NA = Not analyzed.

Source: TriMatrix Laboratories, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan (Analytical TDD S05-9905-806).

## 5. Discussion of Potential Threats

Conditions present at the R and R Sales site that warrant an appropriate removal action as set forth in paragraph (b) (2) of Section 300.415 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP) include:

- **Actual or potential exposure to nearby human populations, animals, or the food chain from hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants.** The R and R Sales site is located in an area with mixed commercial and residential development. The nearest residence is adjacent to the east of the site. The building on site is locked and the fence surrounding the rear yard is in good condition and the gate is locked. However, a trespasser could easily climb the fence and become exposed to the drums in the yard or enter the building through the hole in the overhead door after climbing the fence. Liquid wastes at site were proven by analytical results to be acidic and to contain nickel and very high levels of chromium. Trichloroethylene was also observed at the site. High exposures to chromium can cause asthma and lung cancer. Trichloroethylene is a probable carcinogen and has been associated with respiratory defects. Acids generally cause skin burns and irritations, and respiratory problems.
- **Weather conditions that may cause hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants to migrate or be released.** The drum/container samples contained hazardous wastes. Several drums are in very poor condition because they are rusted through. Rain could cause the drums to further deteriorate, both outside and inside the building through holes in the roof. Some of the drums/containers outside had no lids. Rain could cause these liquids to spill out over the containers and onto soil.
- **Threat of fire or explosion.** Improper handling or vandalism of the flammable solid containers on site could result in a fire or explosion.

## **6. Summary**

Conditions observed at the R and R Sales site warrant a removal based upon the presence of hazardous wastes in drums that are deteriorating. Samples collected on site exhibited a pH of 2 SU which designates them as RCRA hazardous. The hazardous wastes include chromic acid and materials in drums labeled "trichlorethylene" and "ammonium hydroxide".

## **Appendix A**

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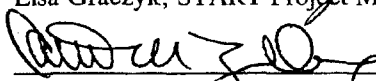
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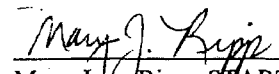
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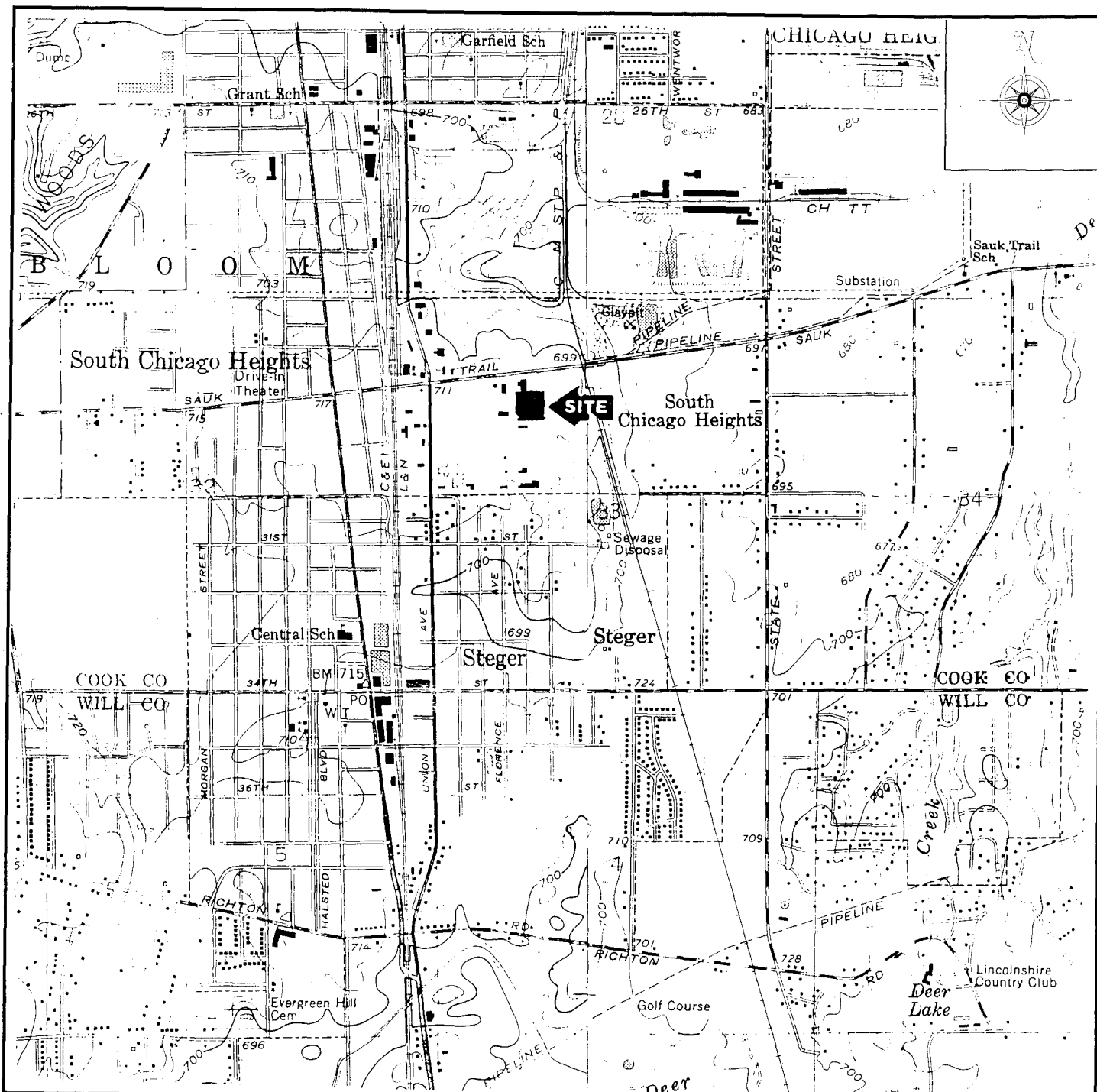
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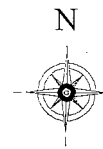
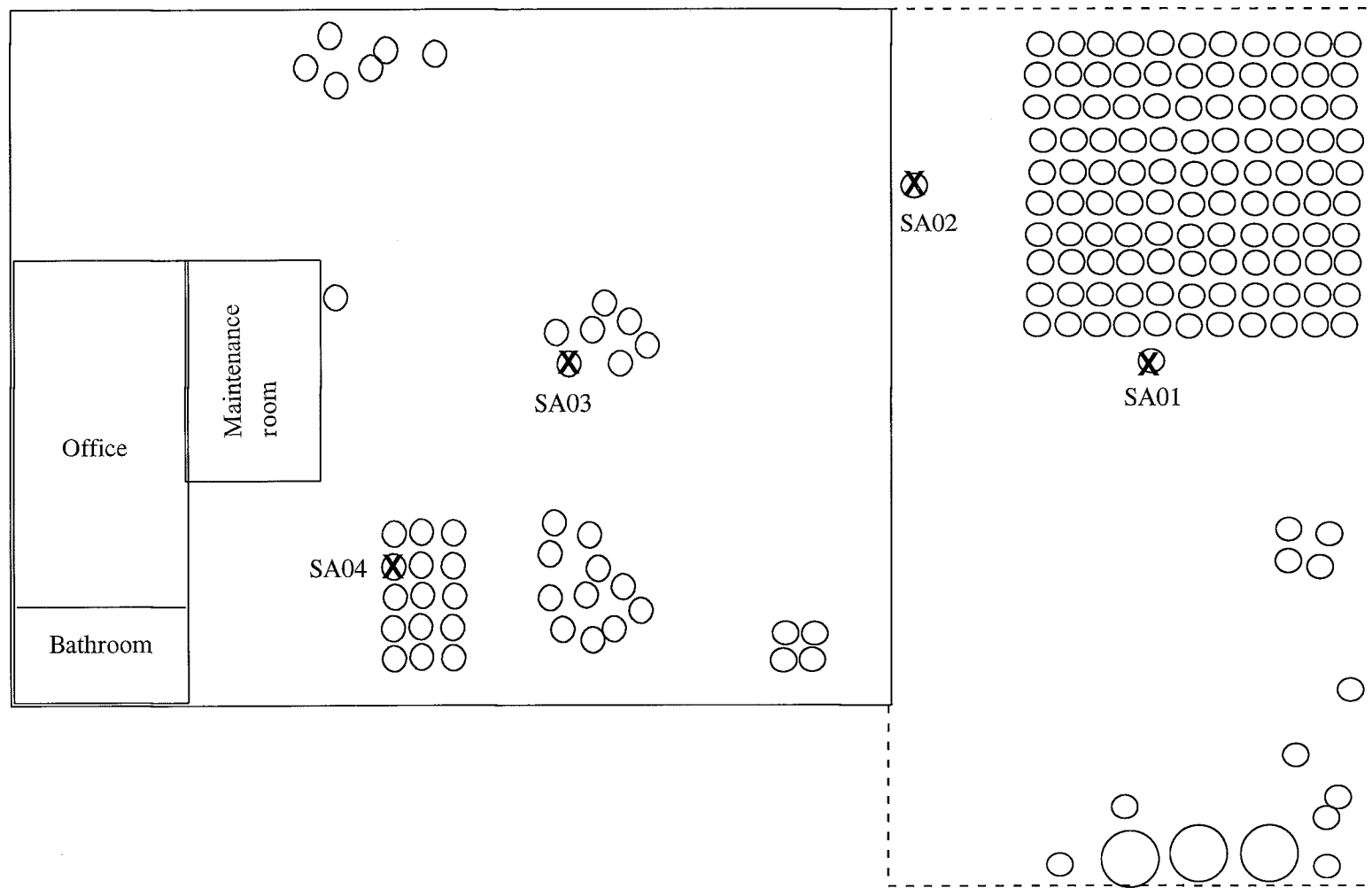
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### Legend

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- - Fence
- X Approximate location of container from which sample was collected



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Title	Sample Location Map	Figure	3-1
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City	South Chicago Heights	State	Illinois
Source	Ecology and Environment, Inc.	TDD	S05-9905-007
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## **Appendix A**

### **Photodocumentation**



**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 0945

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** East

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Front of the R and R Sales building.



**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 0945

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Northeast

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Building to the north of the R and R Sales facility.





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drums located in the northeast corner of the rear yard.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** Northeast

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Closeup of drums located in the northeast corner of the rear yard.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** Northeast

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Steel facility across (west) from the R and R Sales facility.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** West

**Time:** 0945  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Open container in rear yard.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** West

**Time:** 1130  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

Sample SA02 was collected from this container.





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drum labeled "Flammable Solid".

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Northwest

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drum labeled "Trichlorethylene".

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Northwest

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Containers inside the building.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** North

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Pallet of four drums.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** West

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 1045

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Southwest

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Drum labeled "Enplate NI-417C".



**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 1045

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Northeast

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Closeup of deteriorating drums in the rear yard.





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Deteriorated drum.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Down

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Open pail outside building.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Down

**Time:** 1045  
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**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 0945

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** East

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Front of the R and R Sales building.



**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 0945

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Northeast

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**Subject:** Building to the north of the R and R Sales facility.







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**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 0945

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Northeast

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Building to the north of the R and R Sales facility.





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Building to the south of the R and R Sales facility.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** Southeast

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drums located in the rear yard along the south fenceline.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** South

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drums located in the northeast corner of the rear yard.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** Northeast

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Closeup of drums located in the northeast corner of the rear yard.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** Northeast

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales      **Date:** May 13, 1999      **Time:** 0945  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL      **Direction:** East      **Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk  
**Subject:** Rear of the R and R Sales building. Note the hole in the overhead door.



**Site:** R and R Sales      **Date:** May 13, 1999      **Time:** 0945  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL      **Direction:** North      **Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk  
**Subject:** Rear of building. Note exhaust pipe coming out of building.





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Steel facility across (west) from the R and R Sales facility.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 0945

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Open container in rear yard. Sample SA02 was collected from this container.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 1130

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

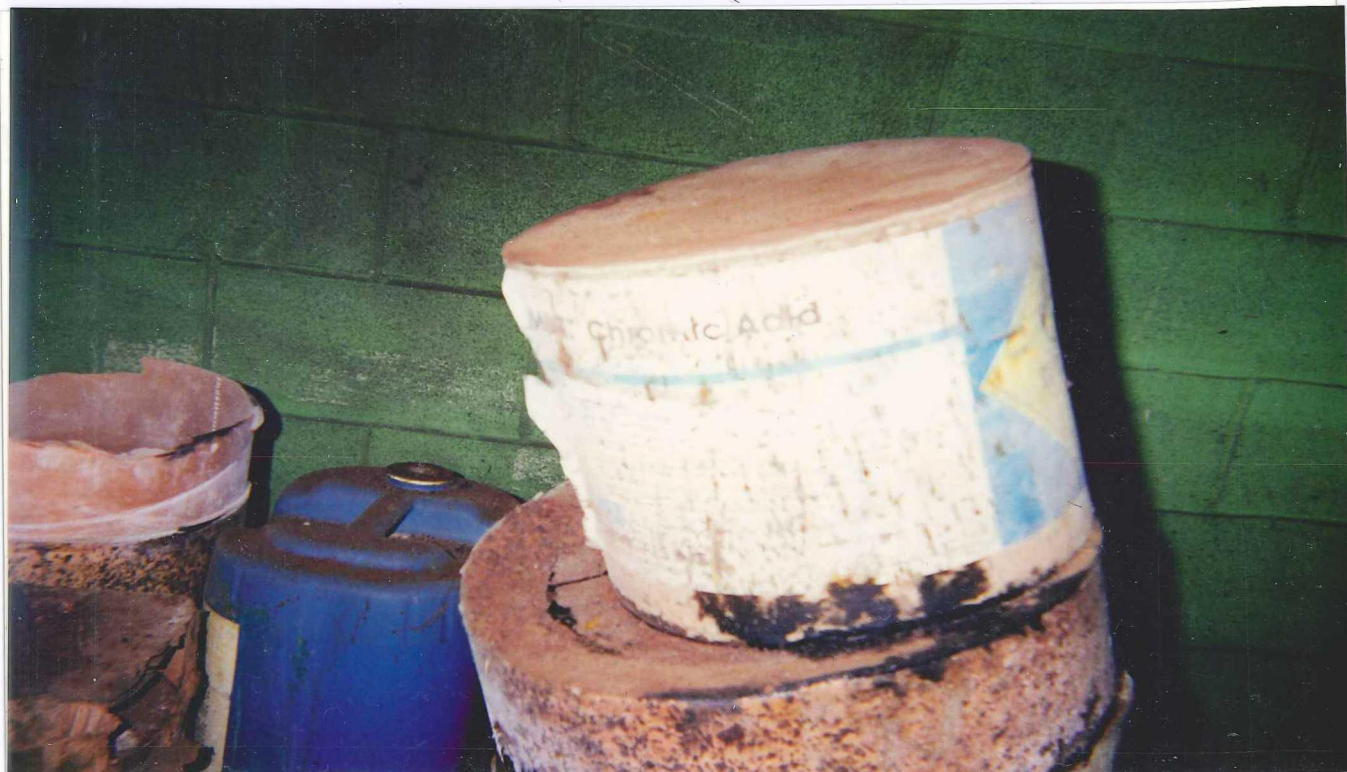




**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drum labeled "Corrosive".

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** North

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drum labeled "Chromic Acid".

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** West

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 1030

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Northwest

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Drum labeled "Flammable Solid".



**Site:** R and R Sales

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Time:** 1030

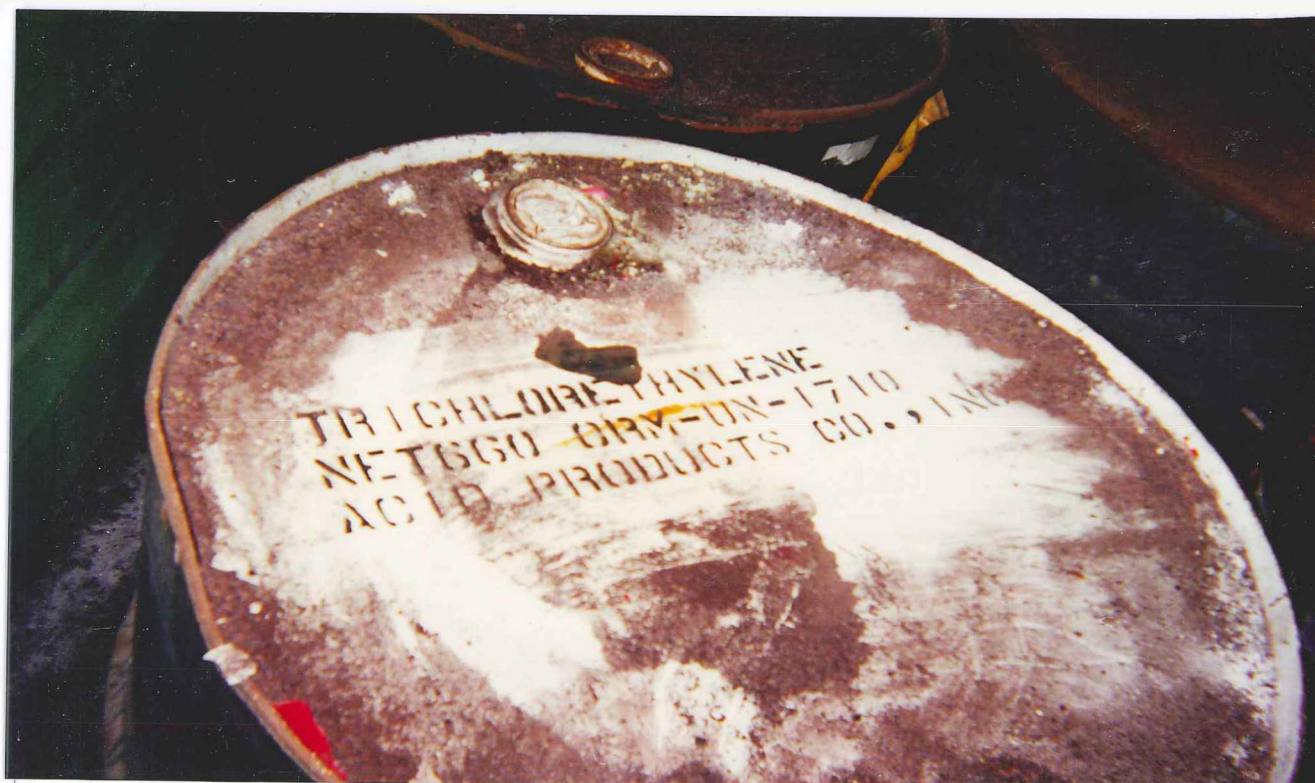
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Direction:** Northwest

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

**Subject:** Drum labeled "Trichlorethylene".





<b>Site:</b>	R and R Sales	<b>Date:</b>	May 13, 1999	<b>Time:</b>	1030
<b>Location:</b>	South Chicago Heights, IL	<b>Direction:</b>	Northwest	<b>Photographer:</b>	Lisa Graczyk
<b>Subject:</b>	Drum labeled "Trichlorethylene".				



<b>Site:</b>	R and R Sales	<b>Date:</b>	May 13, 1999	<b>Time:</b>	1030
<b>Location:</b>	South Chicago Heights, IL	<b>Direction:</b>	North	<b>Photographer:</b>	Lisa Graczyk
<b>Subject:</b>	Group of four drums suspected to contain trichlorethylene.				





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Containers inside the building.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** North

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

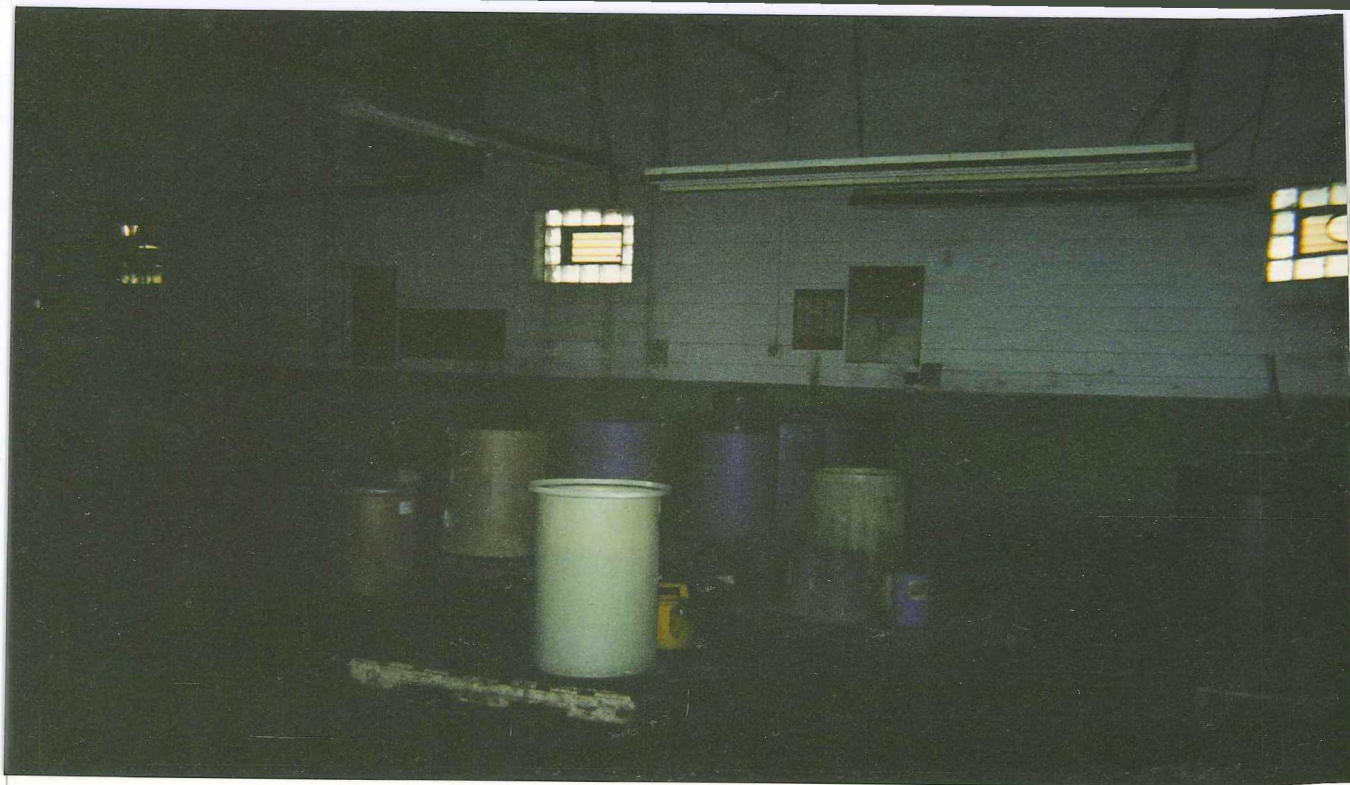


**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Pallet of four drums.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** West

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drums inside the building.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** West

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drums and containers inside the building.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Northwest

**Time:** 1030  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drum labeled "Enplate NI-417C".

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Southwest

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Closeup of deteriorating drums in the rear yard.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Northeast

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Drum with no lid.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** North

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Deteriorated drum. Contents are still in drum liner.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** North

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Deteriorated drum.

**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Down

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk



**Site:** R and R Sales  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL  
**Subject:** Open pail outside building.

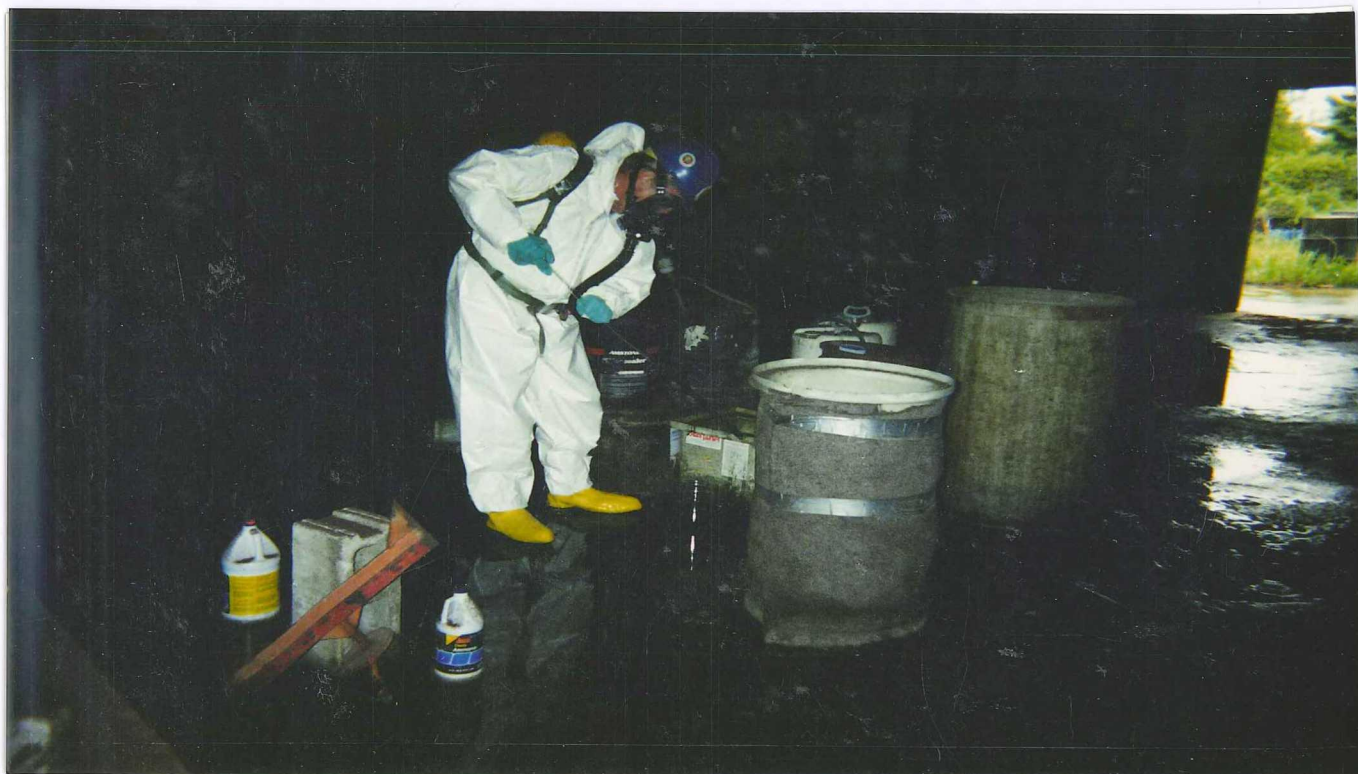
**Date:** May 13, 1999  
**Direction:** Down

**Time:** 1045  
**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk





**Site:** R and R Sales      **Date:** May 13, 1999      **Time:** 1045  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL      **Direction:** North      **Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk  
**Subject:** Drum labeled "Ammonium Hydroxide".



**Site:** R and R Sales      **Date:** May 13, 1999      **Time:** 1115  
**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL      **Direction:** Northeast      **Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk  
**Subject:** Drums and small containers inside building. Sample SA03 is being collected.





**Site:** R and R Sales

**Location:** South Chicago Heights, IL

**Subject:** Office inside building.

**Date:** May 13, 1999

**Direction:** West

**Time:** 1115

**Photographer:** Lisa Graczyk

## **Appendix B**

### **Drum/Container Inventory**

**DRUM/CONTAINER INVENTORY  
R AND R SALES  
SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS**

**MAY 13, 1999**

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Contents</b>
8	55-gallon	Trichloroethylene
2	55-gallon	Ammonium hydroxide
152	55-gallon	Acid solutions (nickel and chromic acid)
7	10-gallon	Chromic acid
2	55-gallon	Actane Acid Cleaner
2	20-gallon	Enthone Alumonen (flammable caustic solid)
4	10-gallon	Enthone Enstrip 103
1	40-gallon	Phosphite
16	5-gallon	Enthone Enplate
3	30-gallon	Enthone Enplate
5	1-gallon	Nickel chloride
6	5-gallon	Unknown
9	50-pound bags	Hydrated lime

## **Appendix C**

### **Validated Analytical Results**



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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 1999

TO: File

FROM: Lisa Graczyk, START Chemist, E & E, Chicago, Illinois

THROUGH: Patrick Zwilling, Assistant START Program Manager, E & E, Chicago, Illinois

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Data Quality Review for pH, R and R Sales, South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois

REFERENCE: Project TDD S05-9905-007      Analytical TDD S05-9905-806  
Project PAN 9Y0701SIXX      Analytical PAN 9YAF01TAXX

The data quality assurance (QA) review of four waste samples collected from the R and R Sales site is complete. The samples were collected on May 13, 1999, by the Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor, Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E). The samples were submitted to TriMatrix Laboratories, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan, for analyses. The laboratory analyses were performed according to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Method 9041A for pH.

### Sample Identification

<u>START Identification No.</u>	<u>Laboratory Identification No.</u>
SA-01	222924
SA-02	222925
SA-03	222926
SA-04	222927

### Data Qualifications:

#### I. Sample Holding Time: Acceptable

The samples were collected on May 13, 1999, and analyzed on May 26, 1999. The Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Directive 9360.4-01 (April 1990) and Method 9041A do not provide holding times for pH.

II. Calibrations: Acceptable

The pH meter was checked for accuracy with a 7.00 pH standard.

III. Blanks: Not Applicable

The pH method does not require a blank to be analyzed.

IV. Assessment of Data for Use: Acceptable

The overall usefulness of the data is based on criteria for QA Level II as outlined in the OSWER Directive 9360.4-01 (April 1990) Data Validation Procedures, Section 9.0, Generic Data Validation Procedures. Based upon the information provided, the data are acceptable for use.





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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 1999

TO: File

FROM: Lisa Graczyk, START Chemist, E & E, Chicago, Illinois

THROUGH: Patrick Zwilling, Assistant START Program Manager, E & E, Chicago, Illinois

SUBJECT: Inorganic Data Quality Review for Total Chromium and Nickel, R and R Sales, South Chicago Heights, Cook County, Illinois

REFERENCE: Project TDD S05-9905-007      Analytical TDD S05-9905-806  
Project PAN 9Y0701SIXX      Analytical PAN 9YAF01TAXX

The data quality assurance (QA) review of three waste samples collected from the R and R Sales site is complete. The samples were collected on May 13, 1999, by the Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START) contractor, Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E & E). The samples were submitted to TriMatrix Laboratories, Inc., Grand Rapids, Michigan, for analyses. The laboratory analyses were performed according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Solid Waste 846 Method 6010.

### Sample Identification

<u>START Identification No.</u>	<u>Laboratory Identification No.</u>
SA-02	222925
SA-03	222926
SA-04	222927

### Data Qualifications:

#### I. Sample Holding Time: Acceptable

The samples were collected on May 13, 1999, and analyzed on May 20 and 26, 1999. This is within the six month holding time limit.

II. Calibration:

- Initial Calibration: Acceptable

Recoveries for the initial calibration verification were within 90 to 110%, as required.

- Continuing Calibration: Acceptable

All analytes included in the continuing calibration verification standard were within 90 to 110%, as required.

III. Blanks: Acceptable

Preparation blanks were analyzed with each analytical batch. No target analytes were detected in the blanks above the instrument detection limit except for nickel at 0.610 mg/kg. However, this result is less than 10 times the lowest sample result. Therefore no qualification is necessary.

IV. Interference Check Samples (ICSs): Acceptable

ICSs were analyzed and recoveries were within 20% of the mean value, as required.

V. Assessment of Data for Use: Acceptable

The overall usefulness of the data is based on criteria for QA Level II as outlined in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Directive 9360.4-01 (April 1990) Data Validation Procedures, Section 3.0, Metallic Inorganic Parameters. Based upon the information provided, the data are acceptable for use.

**ANALYTICAL REPORT**  
**USEPA CLP FORM 1****Ecology and Environment**

Proj: 9905-806

Subm: May 13, 1999 Samples

Submittal Number: 35045- 1

Location:

Contact: Jennifer L. Rice

Phone: (616) 975-4500

CAS No.

SA-01

Data Qualifiers

Units

C | Q | M

Lab Sample No:

222924

E-10139

pH

&lt;1.00

U |

pH Units

Sampled by:

L. Graczyk

Date Sampled:

05/13/99

Time Sampled:

11:30

Date Received:

05/18/99

Time Received:

09:52

**ANALYTICAL REPORT**  
**USEPA CLP FORM 1****Ecology and Environment**

Proj: 9905-806

Subm: May 13, 1999 Samples

Submittal Number: 35045- 1

Location:

Contact: Jennifer L. Rice

Phone: (616) 975-4500

CAS No.	SA-02	Data Qualifiers	Units
		C   Q   M	

Lab Sample No: 222925

E-10139	pH	<1.00	U			pH Units
7440-47-3	Chromium, Total	* 161000			P	mg/kg
7440-02-0	Nickel, Total	301			P	mg/kg

Sampled by: L. Graczyk

Date Sampled: 05/13/99

Time Sampled: 11:25

Date Received: 05/18/99

Time Received: 09:52

\* See attached Statement of Data Qualifications.

**ANALYTICAL REPORT**  
**USEPA CLP FORM 1****Ecology and Environment**

Proj: 9905-806

Subm: May 13, 1999 Samples

Submittal Number: 35045- 1

Location:

Contact: Jennifer L. Rice

Phone: (616) 975-4500

CAS No.

SA-03

Data Qualifiers

Units

C | Q | M

Lab Sample No:

222926

E-10139	pH	<1.00	U			pH Units
7440-47-3	Chromium, Total	65400			P	mg/kg
7440-02-0	Nickel, Total	25			P	mg/kg

Sampled by:	L. Graczyk
Date Sampled:	05/13/99
Time Sampled:	11:15
Date Received:	05/18/99
Time Received:	09:52

**ANALYTICAL REPORT  
USEPA CLP FORM 1****Ecology and Environment**

Proj: 9905-806

Subm: May 13, 1999 Samples

Submittal Number: 35045- 1

Location:

Contact: Jennifer L. Rice

Phone: (616) 975-4500

CAS No.

SA-04

Data Qualifiers

Units

C | Q | M

Lab Sample No:

222927

E-10139	pH	<1.00	U			pH Units
7440-47-3	Chromium, Total	68200			P	mg/kg
7440-02-0	Nickel, Total	23			P	mg/kg

Sampled by:

L. Graczyk

Date Sampled:

05/13/99

Time Sampled:

11:20

Date Received:

05/18/99

Time Received:

09:52



## **Appendix D**

### **MSDSs for Enthone Products**

ENTHONE -- ENPLATE NI-425A - NICKEL SULFATE  
MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET  
FSC: 6850  
NIIN: 00F023576  
Manufacturer's CAGE: 02258  
Part No. Indicator: A  
Part Number/Trade Name: ENPLATE NI-425A

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General Information

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Item Name: NICKEL SULFATE  
Company's Name: ENTHONE INC  
Company's Street: 350 PRONTAGE RD  
Company's City: WEST HAVEN  
Company's State: CT  
Company's Country: US  
Company's Zip Code: 06516-4147  
Company's Emerg Ph #: 203-934-8611  
Company's Info Ph #: 203-934-8611  
Record No. For Safety Entry: 001  
Tot Safety Entries This Stk#: 004  
Status: SE  
Date MSDS Prepared: 29OCT89  
Safety Data Review Date: 22JUN92  
Preparer's Company: ENTHONE INC  
Preparer's St Or P. O. Box: 350 PRONTAGE RD  
Preparer's City: WEST HAVEN  
Preparer's State: CT  
Preparer's Zip Code: 06516-4147  
MSDS Serial Number: BNHYR

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Ingredients/Identity Information

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Proprietary: NO  
Ingredient: WATER  
Ingredient Sequence Number: 01  
Percent: >75  
NIOSH (RTECS) Number: ZC0110000  
CAS Number: 7732-18-5

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Proprietary: NO  
Ingredient: NICKEL SULFATE  
Ingredient Sequence Number: 02  
Percent: <25%  
NIOSH (RTECS) Number: QR9350000  
CAS Number: 7786-81-4  
OSHA PEL: 1 MG NI/M3  
ACGIH TLV: 0.1 MG NI/M3; 9293

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Physical/Chemical Characteristics

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Appearance And Odor: GREEN LIQUID  
Boiling Point: 212 F  
Melting Point: 28  
Specific Gravity: 1.251  
Solubility In Water: COMPLETE  
pH: 3.4

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Fire and Explosion Hazard Data

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Extinguishing Media: WATER FOG OR SPRAY, FOAM, CARGON DIOXIDE  
Special Fire Fighting Proc: WEAR NIOSH APPROVED FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

AND SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. KEEP CONTAINERS COOL TO PREVENT RUPTURE & RELEASE OF MATERIAL

Reactivity Data

Stability: YES

Hazardous Decomp Products: AT VERY HIGH TEMPERATURES (CA 1110 F) TOXIC OXIDES OF SULFUR.

Hazardous Poly Occur: NO

Health Hazard Data

Route Of Entry - Inhalation: YES

Route Of Entry - Skin: YES

Route Of Entry - Ingestion: YES

Health Haz Acute And Chronic: INHALTION: MIST OR VAPOR MAY SEVERELY IRRITATE RESPIRATORY TRACT. INGESTION: CAN CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATION TO MOUTH, THROAT, ESOPHAGUS, AND STOMACH. SKIN: SENSITIVITY TO NICKEL MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION. EYES: CAN CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATION, DAMAGE TO EYES.

Carcinogenicity - NTP: NO

Carcinogenicity - IARC: NO

Carcinogenicity - OSHA: NO

Explanation Carcinogenicity: NONE

Signs/Symptoms Of Overexp: INHALATION: MIST OR VAPOR MAY SEVERELY IRRITATE RESPIRATORY TRACT. INGESTION: CAN CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATION TO MOUTH, THROAT, ESOPHAGUS, & STOMACH. SKIN: SENSITIVITY TO NICKEL MAY CAUSE SKIN IRRITATION. EYES: CAN CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATION, DAMAGE TO EYES.

Emergency/First Aid Proc: INHALATION: REMOVE PERSON FROM CONTAMINATED NEVER GIVE ANYTHING BY MOUTH TO AN UNCONSCIOUS PERSON. SKIN: IMMEDIATELY WAS CONTAMINATED SKIN W/PLENTY OF WATER FOR 15 MINUTES. EYES: IMMEDIATELY FLUSH EYESW/PLENTY OF WATER FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES HOLDING LIDS APART TO ENSURE FLUSHING OF ENTIRE SURFACE. OBTAIN MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Precautions for Safe Handling and Use

Steps If Matl Released/Spill: CONTAIN SPILL AND SOAK UP IN SUITABLE ABSORBENT. SHOVEL UP INTO PLASTIC-LINED STEEL CONTAINERS AND COVER.

Waste Disposal Method: DISPOSE OF IN ACCORDANCE W/LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Precautions-Handling/Storing: STORE IN A COOL DRY PLACE. LOOSEN COVER CAUTIOUSLY WHEN OPENING. STORE ABOVE FREEZING TEMPERATURE.

Other Precautions: AVOID CONTACT W/SKIN, EYES, AND CLOTHING.

Control Measures

Respiratory Protection: USE NIOSH APPROVED RESPIRATOR WHEN AIR CONCENTRATION IS > THAN THE TLV OR PEL.

Ventilation: LOCAL EXHAUST RECOMMENDED.

Protective Gloves: NEOPRENE/NATURAL RUBBER

Eye Protection: FACE SHIELD/CHEMICAL SAFETY GOGGLES

Other Protective Equipment: CHEMICALLY RESISTANT COVERALLS, HAT AND SHOES, BOOTS.

Work Hygienic Practices: REMOVE CONTAMINATED CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. WASH CLOTHING BEFORE REUSE. DISCARD FOOTWEAR IF IT CANNOT BE DECONTMINATED.

Transportation Data

Disposal Data

Label Data

Label Required: YES  
Technical Review Date: 22JUN92  
Label Date: 27MAY92  
Label Status: F  
Common Name: ENPLATE NI-425A  
Chronic Hazard: YES  
Signal Word: WARNING!  
Acute Health Hazard-Moderate: X  
Contact Hazard-Moderate: X  
Fire Hazard-None: X  
Reactivity Hazard-None: X  
Special Hazard Precautions: INHALTION: MIST OR VAPOR MAY SEVERELY IRRITATE  
RESPIRATORY TRACT. INGESTION: CAN CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATIONTO MOUTH, THROAT,  
ESOPHAGUS, AND STOMACH. SKIN: SENSITIVITY TO NICKEL MAY CAUSE SKIN  
IRRITATION. EYES: CAN CAUSE SEVERE IRRITATION, DAMAGE TO EYES.  
Protect Eye: Y  
Protect Skin: Y  
Protect Respiratory: Y  
Label Name: ENTHONE INC  
Label Street: 350 PRONTAGE RD  
Label City: WEST HAVEN  
Label State: CT  
Label Zip Code: 06516-4147  
Label Country: US  
Label Emergency Number: 203-934-8611  
Year Procured: UNK

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